

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2282**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 12 2014**

RE: S.B. No. 2489  
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred  
S.B. No. 2489 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE CENTER FOR NURSING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Amend the composition of the Hawaii State Center for Nursing Advisory Board (Advisory Board) by decreasing the number of voting members on the Advisory Board to nine;
- (2) Amend the membership of the Advisory Board to better facilitate the Hawaii State Center for Nursing's mission;
- (3) Clarify term limits and appointments of members to the Advisory Board; and
- (4) Amend certain powers and duties of the Advisory Board.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii State Center for Nursing; Prime Care Services Hawaii, Incorporated; and ten individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from three individuals.



Your Committee finds that as the nursing profession transforms to meet a changing health care landscape, the ongoing process of developing a strategic plan requires the Hawaii State Center for Nursing to have an active, engaged Advisory Board with members capable of addressing workforce issues in a timely manner.

Your Committee further finds that the six labor organization positions on the Advisory Board have not been filled for many years. This has impeded the Advisory Board's ability to attain quorum for its monthly meetings and access relevant expertise. This situation has also prevented prospective candidates from sitting on the Advisory Board and sharing expertise in relevant areas such as nursing practice, research, education, administration, and financing care.

This measure will amend the composition of the Advisory Board to align itself more closely with other national nursing workforce centers and encourage collaboration of persons with the technical expertise, knowledge, and experience needed to assist the Hawaii State Center for Nursing fulfill its mission.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2489, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2489, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Higher Education,

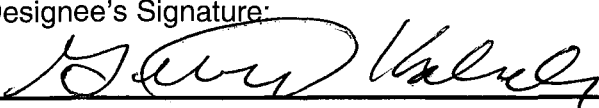


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
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**HRE**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">SB 2489</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">HRE, CPN</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">2/06/2014</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 10px;"> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312</div> <div><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310</div> <div><input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313</div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
KAHELE, Gilbert (VC)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
IGE, David Y.	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N.				✓
SLOM, Sam				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	5			2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive; margin-top: 10px;">  </div>				
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